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Performance Audit

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Michigan Commission for the Blind

Department of Labor and Economic Growth and Family Independence Agency

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Act 260, P.A. 1978, as amended, created the Michigan Commission for the Blind (MCB). MCB consists of five commissioners who are appointed for three-year terms by the Governor. MCB is responsible for the implementation of programs to help people who are blind to achieve social and economic independence. MCB is the vocational rehabilitation service agency for the blind in Michigan. Its mission is to provide opportunities to individuals with visual handicaps to achieve employability and/or function independently in society.

Audit Objectives:

1. To assess MCB's effectiveness and efficiency in administering its programs and services.
2. To assess the effectiveness of MCB's services provided to individuals to enable them to overcome their visual disability and obtain the maximum degree of self-support and self-care.

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Audit Conclusions:

1. MCB was generally effective and efficient in administering its programs and services. However, we noted reportable conditions related to the client tracking system, Social Security reimbursement process, procurement card purchases, Business Enterprise Program equipment inventory record, the client equipment inventory record, and purchased services (Findings 1 through 6).

2. MCB was generally effective in providing services to individuals to enable them to overcome their visual disability and obtain the maximum degree of self-support and self-care. However, we noted a reportable condition related to Independent Living (IL) Program case management procedures (Finding 7).

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Agency Response:

Our report contains 7 findings and 8 corresponding recommendations. The Department of Labor and Economic Growth's preliminary response indicated that MCB agrees with all of the recommendations and that it has implemented or will implement corrective action.

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Background:

Throughout the period covered by this audit, MCB was organizationally within the Family Independence Agency. However, the Governor, through Executive Order No. 2003-18, transferred MCB as a type II transfer to the Department of Labor and Economic Growth, effective December 7, 2003.

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